

with tonight's vote with a partisan bill to nowhere.

The people we have been elected to serve have asked—in fact, demanded—that this Congress do something to calm the unrest in our communities. Congress was asked to lead. Instead, this House has decided to bring forth another partisan bill to nowhere.

Senator TIM SCOTT and others worked tirelessly in an inclusionary matter and developed the JUSTICE Act, a bill that would bring law and order and justice to communities.

This bill will not become law. This bill that has been passed in the House will not become law because it was not inclusionary and would not reform the police. But by eliminating qualified immunity and no-knock warrants, it would put people and police into dangerous and costly scenarios.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is another lost opportunity to serve the people we serve.

TESTING SITES NEEDED TO SAVE LIVES

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I say to my community in Houston that I know that they are celebrating the idea that the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act has passed. I look forward to going home and engaging with them and indicating that we are re-imagining police and that we are building on police-community relations.

I also make mention of the fact that as I left Houston, the State of Texas had 5,000 new COVID-19 cases. Today, we have counted 900 cases in the Houston, Harris County area. People are dying. People are being tested positive, and we need help.

Mr. Speaker, it is important that we pass the HEROES Act, but more importantly, that we keep our testing open. On Saturday, I will open another one-day testing site, my 11th, working with local health professionals. The city of Houston and Harris County need our help, and we must continue these testing sites. We must keep them open. I encourage everyone in Houston, get tested. If you are positive, give us your blood for antibodies after you have cured. But more importantly, wear your mask, wash your hands, and socially distance. We have to save lives.

WILKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(Ms. FOXX of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, over the past few months, we have seen remarkable progress in the fight against COVID-19. Our small businesses, manufacturers, and even schools have stepped up to produce necessary PPE for their communities and frontline providers.

As of last month, Wilkes Community College Ashe Campus—located in my

district—delivered over 741 3D-printed face shields to various locations in the High Country. Originally, this 3D printing endeavor was going to support Ashe Memorial Hospital, but now it has turned into a regional resource for healthcare providers across western North Carolina.

To Mike Windish and Chris Kearley—the two engineering instructors at Wilkes Community College—and their colleagues who are spearheading this effort, thank you, and keep up the good work.

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE OF BLACK BOYS AND GIRLS

(Mrs. LAWRENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Chair, today, I am so hopeful after the vote for the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, I can now look at those little children, those little Black girls and boys when they say, “Am I safe?” “Does anyone care about my future?”

Mr. Speaker, I am so proud that this was a bipartisan bill. I strongly encourage the Senate to come to the table and let's continue to do our job and ensure that the future of America is one that is inclusive: that is one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

FROM AGONY TO ACTION

(Mrs. BEATTY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today on the United States House floor to say thank you to my colleagues who voted for House bill 7120, Justice in Policing Act 2020. Tomorrow, I go back home to the Third Congressional District, and I say to them, “This is what we did for you.”

Mr. Speaker, it was worth me marching. It was worth me kneeling for 8 minutes and 46 seconds so many times in my district. And now, today, I can say that I was Speaker pro tem when this bill came to the floor. It sends a great message home to my district. It tells them if we can do this at the Federal level, then we can do this at the State, the county, and the city level.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to stand here and say: From agony to action.

ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to yield to the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX), my friend.

JUSTICE ACT

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from

Texas (Mr. GOHMERT), my colleague and my classmate, for yielding time to me this evening.

Mr. Speaker, at such a pivotal moment in the history of our country, Democrats are choosing posturing over progress. Yesterday, Senate Democrats blocked consideration of the JUSTICE Act, and claimed it did not go far enough to address their issues with regards to police reform.

One of the most puzzling pieces to this story that even after Senator SCOTT offered to increase the allotment of amendments on the bill, Senate Democrats turned around and walked out of the room. They had the opportunity to work in the spirit of bipartisanship, but they ignored it. Are they genuinely afraid of bipartisan collaboration, or are they more focused on scoring political points with their own base? You be the judge.

Mr. Speaker, over the past few weeks, we have heard dangerous rhetoric regarding the defunding of law enforcement, and it is downright concerning. The men and women of law enforcement lay down their lives every day in the line of duty.

And this course of action that Democrats are championing is an affront to health, safety, and security of our communities. Law and order are fundamental tenets of a free society, but when anarchy is assigned a higher value than protecting the American people, the lines become blurred and discord will prevail.

Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I did not address imprudent comments made on Tuesday by the Speaker of the House. She asserted that Republicans are trying to get away with the murder of George Floyd. Let her words sink in for a moment.

Two weeks ago, Democrat leadership called passing police reform “a life-or-death situation.” But now that we have introduced legislation that addresses this issue, they have changed their tune entirely.

Republicans stand at the ready to deliver this reform while Speaker PELOSI is looking for the next media sound bite. Her rhetoric is nothing short of disgraceful. Instead of sowing seeds of division and resorting to crafting legislation behind closed doors, it is time that she and our colleagues across the aisle come to the table to work alongside of us. Maybe it is too daunting of a task for them. Forsaking bipartisanship in favor of a my-way-or-the-high-way approach will not move us closer to enacting meaningful police reform.

Mr. Speaker, we are ready to work with our Democrat colleagues, and all they need to do is pull a seat up to the table and join us.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call VIRGINIA FOXX my classmate. We have been through a lot together, but nothing like what is currently going on in this country right now. Extraordinary.

And we are hearing from people back home and from those who are not from